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1. RESOLUTION ON PANAMA CANAL ZONE WAS CONSIDERED AT
HABITAT PREPARATORY MEETING HELD BY UN ECONOMIC COMMISSION
FOR LATIN AMERICA IN CARACAS, JUNE 30-JULY 4, 1975.

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PANAMANIAN DRAFT HAD WIDE SUPPORT AMONG PARTICIPANTS, BUT

WAS NOT ACTUALLY VOTED ON. INSTEAD TEXT WAS INCLUDED IN SESSION'S FINAL REPORT, ALONG WITH COMMENTS ABOUT IT BY DELEGATES. TEXT OF RESOLUTION FOLLOWS:

QUOTE THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE LATIN AMERICAN REGIONAL PREPARATORY CONFERENCE ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS, CONSIDERING

-- THAT THE SOVEREIGN UTILIZATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES, AS A FUNDAMENTAL ELEMENT FOR THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLES, IS A PRINCIPLE RECOGNIZED BY THE UNITED NATIONS;

-- THAT THIS PRINCIPLE IS CLOSELY LINKED WITH THE OBJECTIVES OF THIS LATIN AMERICAN REGIONAL PREPARATORY CON-

FERENCE ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS, SPECIALLY AS REGARDS THE UTILIZATION OF LAND;

-- THAT BOTH THE SYSTEM OF LAND OWNERSHIP AND THE JURISDICTION OVER LAND ARE ASPECTS OF SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE IN THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS,

QUOTE DECIDE

1. TO RECOGNIZE THAT THE POLITICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DEMARCATION KNOWN AS THE PANAMA CANAL ZONE IS ONE OF THE MAIN OBSTACLES TO THE NORMAL DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION OF THE MAIN HUMAN SETTLEMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA,

2. TO EXPRESS THEIR EARNEST HOPE THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS BEING CARRIED ON BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WILL CULMINATE IN A JUST AND EQUITABLE SOLUTION WHICH WILL PERMIT THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA TO MAKE FULL USE OF ITS SOVEREIGN RIGHTS OVER THAT PART OF ITS TERRITORY KNOWN AS THE CANAL ZONE AND CONSEQUENTLY CARRY OUT A NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT POLICY WHICH WILL REDOUND TO THE BENEFIT OF THE COUNTRY'S HUMAN SETTLEMENTS.
UNQUOTE

2. WE HAVE NO RPT NO CURRENT INFORMATION INDICATING THERE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IS PLAN TO SEEK ISRAELI EXCLUSION FROM HABITAT CONFERENCE. SUBJECT HAS NOT BEEN RAISED IN HABITAT PREPARATORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS. ONLY REFERENCE TO IT WAS AT LAST SUMMER'S ESCAP/ECWA AND ECA REGIONAL MEETINGS, WHERE EXCLUSION RECOMMENDATIONS WERE PASSED BY BOTH SESSIONS.

3. THERE HAS SO FAR BEEN NO EFFORT IN ANY HABITAT MEETING ATTEMPTING TO EQUATE ZIONISM AND RACISM. IF WE RECEIVE

ANY INFORMATION ON SUBJECT, WE WILL INFORM NETHERLANDS.
WE ALSO PLAN TO REMAIN IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH NETHERLANDS
ON GENERAL CONFERENCE DEVELOPMENTS.

4. AS FOR SOVEREIGNTY OVER NATURAL RESOURCES, US DID NOT
PLAY DIRECT ROLE IN CURRENT WORDING OF DRAFT DECLARATION
OF PRINCIPLES. IN JANUARY SESSION OF HABITAT PREPARATORY
COMMITTEE, US DELEGATION PARTICIPATED IN GROUP DRAFTING
NEW VERSION OF DECLARATION. THERE WAS NO AGREEMENT WITHIN
THAT GROUP ON WORDING FOR PERMANENT SOVEREIGNTY PARAGRAPH
AND SO TWO ALTERNATIVES WERE REPORTED OUT. AFTER PREP COM,
HABITAT SECRETARIAT CONSIDERED DRAFTING
GROUP'S WORK AND COMMENTS ABOUT IT BY SEVERAL DELEGATIONS
AND THEN PRODUCED ITS OWN DRAFT. IT IS LATTER WHICH IS
NOW BEFORE PARTICIPANTS.

5. IDEA OF MAKING ECOSOC INTERGOVERNMENTAL BODY FOR HUMAN

SETTLEMENTS IS INTERESTING ONE WHICH WE HAVE STUDIED.
CHANGING ECOSOC'S DUTIES SHOULD, HOWEVER, BE CONSIDERED
INTER ALIA BY AD HOC COMMITTEE ON RESTRUCTURING RATHER
THAN AT HABITAT CONFERENCE. AD HOC COMMITTEE HAS BEFORE
IT GROUP OF EXPERTS REPORT INCLUDING RECOMMENDATIONS THAT
MOST ECOSOC COMMITTEES BE ELIMINATED, THAT ECOSOC ITSELF
ASSUME THEIR FUNCTIONS, AND THAT TO DO SO IT HOLD FREQUENT
SUBJECT-ORIENTED SESSIONS WITH DELEGATIONS TAILORED FOR
THE PURPOSE. THESE SUGGESTIONS FIT INTO WHAT DUTCH FAVOR.
IF AD HOC COMMITTEE EVENTUALLY SUPPORTS ECOSOC REFORMATION
ALONG THOSE LINES, WE THINK HUMAN SETTLEMENTS WOULD BE
GOOD CANDIDATE FOR SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT. IT WOULD, HOWEVER,
BE MISTAKE TO IMPLEMENT THIS APPROACH ON PIECEMEAL BASIS
FOR HUMAN SETTLEMENTS ONLY. KISSINGER

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